

## [Hospital Material]

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NEW YORK Forms to be Filled out for Each Interview

FORM A Circumstances of Interview

STATE New York

NAME OF WORKER Herman Spector

ADDRESS

DATE May 17, 1939

SUBJECT Hospital Material — From letters of Hospital Workers to Union

1. Date and time of interview

May 17, 1939

2. Place of interview

City Hospital Local 128 SCMWA, CIO

3. Name and address of informant

4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant.

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5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you

6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc.

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FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

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FROM LETTERS OF HOSPITAL WORKERS TO UNION

Dear Sir I wish to make a complaint to you about the conditions of the Riverside Hospital . . . the things are awful here. their one Woman here that makes things here mean for us. She works in the Dormantic\* her name Susie and she Italian any time the see the WPA Workers she will say Roosevelt Bums they cant fire Me. She does not belong to the Union She even went not so long ago put a whiskey bottle in one of the Orderlys Rooms and he was fired She has been here so long it seems that she runs the Place. The Supervisor if she says any thing she will tell her to shut her Mouth their must be something

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wrong. Some Place. I wish you would look it up yourself I could tell you more but what is the use . . . She is the worst Woman for trouble you ever seen She likes it But we dont

yours Truly

2 Orderlies

\*dormitory

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. . . . we earn an increase as it the work while it is not laborious it (is) trying to do your work to please the Patients and our superiors

The Superiors can be unfair the Patients who are sick, often get an delusion and complain of being illtreated while we do every thing that we are order to do. When the Patients complains to the supervisors they believe the patients and down the Attendant without hearing . . . I made an application for a license as a practical nurse for a State Board of Nurses Exam. I received a reply and am waiting as I am getting false Teeth as I send my Photograph as I am a Graduat with 30 years of experience.

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.... my mother was recently released from a sanatorium . . . and I am compelled to keep her comfortably in her declining years. I am denied a living out allowance by my immediate superior altho the Bowery element who just come here are giving it immediately. Those drunkards are the ones who are getting the benefit of your hard work . . . it seems to me sometimes that it is done to discourage unionization, because the Bowery element comes (to) work for a month and then another takes his place and so it goes on. Mr Berling the living in man here who have been working here for a year or so should get the good benefit . . . I ask the Dietian about living out allowance and its just like talking to the wall, no interest at all in her men. I did not want to go over her head and see Mr. L [?] \* the

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greatest treat\* to the union here is the Bowery element . . . and when we try to speak unionization to

\* Organizer of Local

\* threat 3 them they become very abusive in denouncing our union. the quicker we get rid of such men the better our membership will increase.

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